Dr. V.S. Arunachalam	President and Chief Executive Officer	Distinguished Services Professor, Department of Engineering and Public Policy, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Robotics Institute, Carnegie Mellon University.

IUNet is a special purpose vehicle established by CMU as a Subsidiary for this joint venture. It is a 100% subsidiary of GUNet, which is a 100% subsidiary of CMU. Capitalization of IUNet will be done ensuring CMU retains majority voting rights in IUNet for a period of five years from the signing of Joint Venture agreement regarding Sankhya Vahini India Limited.

(e) Doesn't arise in view of (c) & (d) above.

Revenue shortfall in DoT

3244. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 10 present revenue shortfall is estimated in the operations of Department of Telecommnications in the current Financial year;

(b) if so, what are the factors responsible for this shortfall; and

(c) whether this trend is likely to continue in the next financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) (a) Available data indicate that reduction in revenue of the Department of Telecome services (including MTNL) due to tariff re-balancing in the financial year 1999-2000 is likely to be approx. Rs. 2,000 crores.

(b) The shortfall is due to introduction of new tariff structure by TRAI.

(c) The trend of revenue shortfall attributable to tariff rebalancing is likely to continue in the financial year 2000-2001.

Decrease in the number of VSNL subscribers

3245. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of internet subscribers as on date in the country and the number of subscribers with different internet companies including VSNL, company-wise;

(b) whether Government are aware that the number of internet subscribers of the VSNL, has gone down;

(c) if so, the details of subscribers during last two years, year-wise; and

(d) what are the reasons for declining number of VSNL subscribers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE EST THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) (a) The number of Internet subscribers (apporoximate) as 31.03.2000 with different Internet Service Providers is as under:

Department of Telecome Services(DTS)		0.96 Lakh
VSNL	:	3.43 lakh (Includes subscribers of Dehradun & Jallandhar Internet nodes, under process of transfer to DTS)
MTNL	:	0.36 Lakh
Other Internet Service Providers		4.68 Lakhs

The list of other ISPs who have started Internet service and their number of subscribers (as on 31.03.2000) are as per Statement enclosed *{see* below).

(b) and (c) The number of Internet subscribers with VSNL have not gone down, Sir.

The number of Internet subscribers of VSNL for the past two years are:

Number of subcribers as on 31st March, 1999	:	1,75,473
Number of subcribers as on 31st March, 2000	:	3,43,121

(d) Does not arise in view of (b) and (c).

STATEMENT

List of other ISPs and their number of subcribers

s. No.	Name of Company	No. of Subscribers
1.	M/s Satyam Inforway Pvt. Ltd. Chennai	1,51,000
2.	M/s Bharit BT (Mantra online)	69,580
3.	M/s Dishnet Ltd. (ETH Internet)	70,921
4.	M/s Patriot Automation Projects (P) Ltd.(Caltiger)	56,462
5.	M/s Sigma Input Output Tech. India Ltd.	34,600
6.	M/s Wilnet Communications Pvt. Ltd.	8,444
7.	M/s Electipse Network Pvt. Ltd. (ICENET)	6,000
8.	M/s Rolta India Ltd.	5,863
9.	M/s Data Inforsy Ltd.	5,500
10.	M/s Global Electronic Commerce Services Ltd.	5,339
1 1.	M/s Pioneer Online Service	4,764
12.	M/s Wipronet	1,175
13.	M/s Souther Online Services Ltd. (SOL)	3,780
14.	M/s Weikfield Mnemonix Infonetworks Pvt. Ltd.	1,500
15.	M/s Mylai Karpagamba Information Systems Pvt. Ltd.	1,950
16.	M/s Manipal Control Data Electronic Commerce Ltd.	1,193
17.	M/s Compuware Interactive Television(P) Ltd. (Cyberware)	1,175
18.	M/s Bharti Telnet Ltd.	4,817
19.	M/s Glonal Online Services Pvt.Ltd.	535
20.	M/s ERNET India	226
21.	M/s Surevin Consultants Pvt. Ltd.,	404
22.	M/s CMC Ltd.	51 1
23.	M/s Ortel Communications Ltd.	450
24.	M/s C.S. Prosoftech Infomatics (P) Ltd.	776
25.	M/s Suchibh Coram. Pvt. Ltd.	400
26.	M/s Trikon Electronics	317
27.	M/s Zee Telfilm Ltd.	933
28.	M/s Srishti Open Pvt. Ltd.	421
29.	M/s Auto treads Pvt. Ltd.	220
30.	M/s Satsai Online (Cyber park)	560
31.	M/s Swautick Netvision Telecom Pvt. Ltd.	316
32.	M/s Zaver Chand Cyber Infotech Pvt. Ltd. (Planet Internet)	51 2
33.	M/s Planet Internet Satellite, Gujarat	125
34.	M/s Sab Infotech Ltd., (Glide)	5,300
35.	M/s Paliwal Financial Services (P) Ltd.	750
36.	M/s Vertec Comm. Ltd.	861
37.	M/s Kappa Infotech P. Ltd.	165
38.	M/s Jindal Information Technology Ltd.	1,200

s. No.	Name of Company	No. of Subscribers
39.	M/s Balaxenet Pvt. Ltd.	600
40.	M/s Bytes Internet Services Pvt. Ltd.	448
41,	M/s Bohra Pratisthan Pvt. Ltd.	195
4/2.	M/s WWW Communications Ltd.	1,100
43.	M/s I-Ninety One Interconnect Ltd.	800
44.	M/s Vintamass Network Pvt. Ltd.	329
45.	M/s Sagarsoft International Ltd. (Netlinx Ltd.)	3,400
46.	M/s Nomus Internet Systems.	270
47.	M/s Narmada Cyberzone P.Ltd.	380
48.	M/s Baldev Shipbreakers Ltd.	250
49.	M/s Websurf	630
50.	M/s Data Link Imperx Pvt. Ltd.	1,272
51.	M/s CG FAFEMAIL Ltd.	1,735
52.	M/s Shah Net Technologies (P) Ltd.	46
53.	M/s Director Internet Pvt. Ltd.	002
54.	M/s Internet Promoters India Ltd. (Sampark Online)	619
55.	M/s Track Polymers (Net-4)	2,817
56.	M/s Pacific Internet	1,800
57.	M/s E-Comm Opportunities Pvt. Ltd.	821
58.	M/s Growth Compusoft	500
59.	M/s MiNinium Internet Services Online (P) Ltd.	25
60.	M/s Pukhava Internet Tech Sol Utions.	265
61.	M/s Macronet	300
62.	M/s B.S.E.S. Telecom Ltd.	208

Training to youths in Internet Technology in North-Eastern Region

3246. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to set up more offices of VSNL in the North-East Region, in order to give exposure to the people of the region on latest technologies;

(b) if so, the detials thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether VSNL will offer training to youths of the region in latest internet technologies; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken for the same in the Region?